

Lamoine Conservation Commission

MINUTES March 10, 2004 Meeting

Voting Members Present: Fred Stocking, chair; Carol Korty, Nancy Pochan, Donna Theall. (Raemond Dumont absent.)

Attendees Present: Ken Smith, Associate Member; Michael Garrett and Brett Jones (Planning Board Members); Isabel Mancinelli and Gordon Longworth (College of the Atlantic faculty).

Stocking called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

First order of business: Consideration of Questionnaire distributed by Board of Selectmen to gather opinions about development issues for Lamoine from various Town organizations and active residents. Selectmen set April 15 as return date. They will report on results at a special meeting to be moderated by Ron Beard held on May 13th at 7:00 PM at the School.

Stocking requested each LCC member respond individually to the questionnaire and return it to him by April 5th via e-mail or U.S. mail. He will consolidate our Commission responses, place item on our April 14th agenda for discussion and approval, and submit by April 15th deadline.

Next: Discussion of COA project involving Lamoine this spring. Mancinelli and Longworth described their team-taught course on Planning as a ten week session (March 29-June 4) – first 5 weeks focusing on basic theories of community planning and fundamental GIS computer skills – second 5 weeks focusing on field work using Lamoine as the community to which to apply principles of the study. They emphasized that the more information ~~about~~ ^{that} Lamoine could provide, the richer the study will be for students and for Lamoine to receive in return.

Kinds of information sought are:

- Town ordinances
- Town demographics (population, acreage, governance structures, etc.)
- Tax maps
- Maps showing wet lands, gravel pits, parks, public access points to shore, traditional rights-of-way
- Opinions about most important issues facing the Town
- Opinions about the most valued aspects of the Town
- Suggestions for the kinds of GIS maps the Town would find useful.

They said the May 13th town meeting on planning issues will be a valuable source of information for the students. They requested that **LCC notify Selectmen that COA students will be attending and recording information on May 13th and request that the compilation be shared with the COA class prior to May 13th, if possible.**

Garrett stated Planning Board would appreciate maps showing areas in town where soils are best suited for housing; areas good for storage of things like gas tanks and salt/sand piles; wet lands, forests; areas needing protection such as wet lands, and farm lands. Brett Jones asked how the issue of property rights would be handled as students create plans for ideal use. Mancinelli replied that the students first focus on best use practices of land and then ~~consider~~ factor in the social constraints involved.

June 2nd was selected as the best date for COA students to present their data and suggestions to the Town. **Stocking will confirm that the School is available on June 2nd and no other major conflicts are scheduled for that date. He will also check on availability of extension cords and a screen for power point projection in the school gym.**

LCC needs to gather and forward Town information to COA as soon as possible, as it can be used by Longworth and Mancinelli during theoretical training sessions, too. Stocking set April 7th as a LCC Work Session where we can assemble the requested materials for the COA project. **Stocking will reserve the School Library for April 7th.**

Next: Consideration of Citizen's Concerns. Peter Hartline e-mailed Rae Dumont suggesting LCC look into usages of intertidal zones. The Department of Marine Resources states that a town may have jurisdiction over the zone, despite its belonging to a private landowner, in order to restrict activities that could place the health of the zone at risk. At question now is proposed mussel farms off Old Point, land owned by the Hartline family.

The group decided we could not consider taking on this project until next summer. **Korty will contact Hartline, suggesting LCC set up a session next summer, when Hartlines are in residence and able to participate, focusing on usage and protection of intertidal zones.**

Next: Report on progress of study of Lamoine's ground water to be conducted by the George Mitchell Center of Environmental & Watershed Research at University of Maine, Orono.

Stocking read an e-mail from Dumont of February 13, reporting on conversation with John Peckenham of the Center.

Korty and Theall reported on their search for foundations and government organizations to fund this project. Korty scanned through a CD of Environmental Grantmaking Foundations loaned by Barbara Welch of Frenchman Bay Conservancy and selected a dozen organizations to focus on. She and Theall split the list to make contacts and learned that almost all require submission of a preliminary proposal. If the project is of interest to the foundation, we'd then be invited to submit a full proposal.

Theall has made a spread sheet on which to record salient facts about each organization contacted, highlighting the deadline for grant submission.

Korty reported that two foundations responded favorably to phone contacts: New England Grassroots Environment Fund expressed interest and Island Foundation additionally requested we ask the Mitchell Center if they would consider expanding the

study to cover several locations in Maine where extensive sand and gravel extraction is occurring to determine if such activity affects ground water.

Stocking suggested we meet with John Peckenham on Wednesday, March 17th. **Korty agreed to arrange a meeting between Peckenham, Stocking, Dumont (if her health permits), and Korty at the Mitchell Center.**

He asked that **Korty gather models for preliminary applications** to assist us in writing a statement of goals for the project so that we can enter into the discussion with Peckenham with clear focus.

The April 7 work session will be used to prepare materials for multiple grant applications in addition to gathering materials for the COA project. These are LCC's two large projects for the coming months.

Proposed Composting Project: Nancy Pochan presented a project for LCC purchase of Earth Machines (a composting system) for resale to interested citizens. Pochan went over the basic requirements and will bring specifics to the April 14 meeting.

Forestry Report: Ken Smith indicated he no longer felt a forestry ordinance was the way to go. He and Pochan are still thinking about alternative ways to promote sound forestry in Lamoine.

Fred Stocking noted the terms of Carol Korty and Raymonde Dumont expire in June.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Korty



Approved April 14, 2004

